

Health Department Concerned Over Sanitary Conditions at Deer Creek

HEBER CITY—“It doesn't matter who takes over,” said Health Department Director Phil Wright about the State Park's General Management Plan, as long as sanitation conditions are improved.

Since water quality is one of the central concerns of both those who utilize and manage Deer Creek, the impact of human pollution warrants better control all around the shoreline. In areas of high concentration, the current concessionaires must either comply to Recreation Vehicle Regulations (which is based on visitors staying less than 14 days) or Mobile Home Park Regulations (where visitors stay longer than 14 days.)

“We have been giving them (the boat camp owners) extensions until the plan is settled,” Wright said. But the Health Department has recommended that Snow's and Beck's camp install dumping stations. Currently both concessionaires hire pumping trucks which hook into trailer holding tanks. Wright said that he found both camps have “some spillage problem” with this process.

In order to comply with the Health Department, Wright explained that both boat camps must also install holding tanks for their culinary water. Presently, their drinking water is being pumped directly from wells. The biggest concern from the Health Department's view point is the camps waste water disposal which would be “best controlled by the installation of a central sewage system,” Wright said. Snow's now have vault toilets and Beck's have a septic drain tank system which Wright has no idea “where the water goes to.”

Wright said that he was originally hired by the Health Department to ensure that Deer Creek “did not get out of control Creek.”

Though Deer Creek's water quality is improving due to improvements in agricultural polluters and through the efficiency of the new sewage treatment plant, future concessionaires will face stricter compliance with the Health Department.

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Well the government bureaucracy has once again reared its ugly head in our valley. At the last monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, the decision was made to adopt a plan to eliminate the existing concessionaires and replace them with more suitable tenants for meeting the needs of the public at Deer Creek. Now we have no quarrel with progress and we agree that the needs of the public must be met, but to observe the mock public meeting that was called to provide input into the direction of the proposed plan brings to mind nothing more than a Kangaroo Court at its finest.

To find anyone at the meeting, other than the Board, who was for the proposed plan was impossible, the board tried. However, they were quick to point out that somewhere in the state there was somebody for it, or so they thought. Irregardless of the minor problem that no one was for the project, the project passed.

To the public we say listen closely because “Big Brother” has spoken and we must obey.

To the board we offer our heartiest congratulations because you have succeeded in totally ignoring the public input that was the spirit of the open meeting and have done as you please.

